

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our Nation, whereby today many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

**WHEREAS**, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in this State enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research and outreach and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has established the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and devoted resources within it solely to support the strengthening and securing of the country's cyber infrastructure at the state, local, tribal and territorial levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stop.Think.Connect.<sup>TM</sup> Campaign ([www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org) or <http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect>) is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to raise awareness about cyber security among all digital citizens, helping them to stay safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a division of the nonprofit Center for Internet Security, provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial and tribal governments enhance cyber security; and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of State of Mississippi information infrastructure and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.dhs.gov/cyber](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.msisac.org](http://www.msisac.org)), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)) and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services ([www.its.ms.gov](http://www.its.ms.gov)) and Stop.Think.Connect ([www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org) or <http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect>) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim**  
the month of October 2013 as:

## **NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the  
State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the sixth  
day of September in the year of our Lord,  
two thousand and thirteen and of the  
Independence of the United States of  
America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

  
PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR